GENERAL OBLIGATION BOND PROJECT OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES OCTOBER 8, 2001

- 1. Attendance See Attendance Sheet attachment.
- 2. Review and Acceptance of September 10, 2001 meeting minutes.

ACTION:

A motion to approve the minutes of September 10, 2001, Committee meeting was made by Frank Del Vecchio and seconded by Larry Herrup. The minutes were unanimously approved. It was later noted that the minutes contained an error relative to the Recommendation to Appropriate Funds for the Citywide Shoreline and Waterway Improvement Projects. The amount recommended for appropriation should have been \$285,500 instead of \$285,000.

3. Project Status Report

DISCUSSION: Tim Hemstreet informed the Committee that the City has completed the design and the construction documents for the South Shore Community Center project. Mr. Hemstreet informed the Committee that the City's Property Management Division is the general contractor for the project.

Mr. Hemstreet also informed the Committee that the contract for the Espanola Streetscape project was awarded to Williams Paving Co. on September 20, 2001. Mr. Hemstreet explained that the project would begin construction at the end of October or early November. The City will be working actively with the business community in and around that area.

Roberto Sanchez asked the status on the Cherokee Street-End project. Mr. Hemstreet responded that the request was to go ahead and move forward with the remainder of the project and go through the community process for the Cherokee Street-End project. No monies have been appropriated for the Cherokee Street-End project yet.

Mr. Sanchez recognized the completion of the sidewalk between 46th and 47th Streets on Pine Tree Drive.

Amy Rabin asked what are the differences between "site visits, kick offs and visioning sessions", who is involved in each of those meetings and if the public attends. Mr. Hemstreet responded that those sessions are all staff processes and proceeded to describe the purpose of each.

(1) **Kick Off**: Staff and the program manager meet with the Architectural and Engineering firm and transmit all the information that the City has in its possession, which includes surveys, prior planning studies, and maps. Anything that the City may have relative to the project would be officially handed over to the A&E firm.

- (2) **Site Visit**: The A&E firm is driven out into the neighborhood, down every single street so they are able to take notes and see the conditions in the area.
- (3) **Visioning Sessions**: Staff previews the presentation that the A&E firm will be making to the Community.

Ms. Rabin requested an update on the timeline for the Alton Road, 20th Street and Sunset Drive project. Mr. Hemstreet agreed to provide that information to the Committee as a whole at the next meeting.

Laura Jamieson asked if the allocation for the Espanola Way Streetscape project actually came out of the Flamingo Neighborhood Improvements project. Mark Alvarez responded that the allocation for the Flamingo project does include the allocation for the Espanola Way Streetscape. The additional \$50,500 is for trash cans, traffic study and signage plans, which are three projects that are divided throughout the whole City.

Frank Del Vecchio pointed out that there was an error in the project status report on the Lummus Park project. The report states that the proposed elements include a new restroom building on "15th Street with a concession". It should read "new restroom building at 14th Street without a concession".

Mr. Del Vecchio also noted delays on some projects. He requested that the Administration take note if a pattern develops. He also noted differences between the dates included in the Project Status Report and Calendar of Scheduled Community Design Workshops.

Larry Herrup asked that new information in the report added since the last meeting be highlighted or identified.

Leonard Wien pointed out that there was error in the project status report on the Indian Creek Greenway project. The report states that in 1999 Edaw submitted to the National Park Service a draft of the Indian Creek Greenway Concept Plan. It should read "the National Park Service and the Indian Creek Greenway Advisory Committee submitted to the Commission a draft of the Indian Creek Greenway Concept Plan".

It was requested that the Project Status Update include a table of contents so that it would be easier to find projects within the report.

4. Recommendation to Appropriate Funds

Joseph Johnson, Transportation/Concurrency Management Director requested a recommendation to the Commission for an appropriation in amount of \$35,000 for the landscaping construction drawings for the Alton

Road Traffic Calming project for purposes of applying for a grant from the Florida Highway Beautification Council and to further appropriate \$250,000, as a local match if awarded, from GO Bond funds.

Mr. Johnson explained that on October of last year there was a request made to the Committee for an appropriation of \$15,000 to do a Traffic Calming Study on the Alton Road Corridor. The purpose of the study was to identify applicable traffic calming strategies and techniques for Alton Road, between Michigan Avenue and Indian Creek Drive. The main objectives were (1) to reduce the occurrence of speeding, therefore enhancing the neighborhood's livability; (2) to assess the implication of using traffic calming measures on the corridor, given its function as an arterial roadway and hurricane evacuation route; (3) to assess the probable impacts of Alton Road traffic calming on the adjacent roadways; and (4) to provide the City with recommendations as to the implementation of a successful traffic calming plan.

Mr. Michael Rotbart asked how many neighborhoods would be affected by the project and what is the total allocation of this project. Mr. Johnson responded that maybe four neighborhoods will be affected and the primary funds for the project will be coming from what has already been allocated for the Alton Road Corridor Enhancements project.

ACTION:

Frank Del Vecchio made a motion to recommend approval of the appropriation of \$35,000 for the landscaping construction drawings for the purposes of applying for a grant from the Florida Highway Beautification Council and appropriate \$250,000, as a local match if awarded, from the GO Bond Funds. Larry Herrup seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Bob Middaugh resumed the Project Status Report discussion and updated the Committee on the Sunset Islands 29th Street Entrance Enhancement project. Instead of the guardhouse kiosk on the center median, the median will be landscaped. A base will be provided for a security monitor that will be monitored from the existing guardhouse. Construction has started again for the third lane and center median.

5. Informational Items

Mr. Hemstreet informed the Committee that the CIP Office held a Community Design Workshop Number 1 for Star, Palm and Hibiscus Islands at the Rod and Reel Club on Hibiscus Island on September 26, 2001. The purpose of the workshop was to explain to the residents the description of the overall CIP Neighborhood Infrastructure Improvements process, funding amounts and sources, and general improvement priorities. Mr. Hemstreet explained that the proposed improvements were well received. The exception was the Hibiscus Island residents who expressed a preference for additional aboveground improvements instead of a portion of proposed comprehensive stormwater improvements. Mr.

Hemstreet stated that the request would be considered and analyzed before the final Community Design Workshop.

Kevin Smith informed the Committee that the City had applied for two (2) grants: one from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Florida Recreation Development Assistance Program for renovations to the Flamingo Park Playground and construction of a restroom facility; and the other from the Miami Dade County RFP No. 318a, Florida Department of Environmental Protection, Reimbursement Grant for Playground Surfacing.

The grant funds, if awarded, will be matched with City funding to enhance the General Obligation Bond projects at Flamingo, Muss Park, Fairway, Normandy Isle, North Shore and Tatum Parks. Additionally, Ocean Beach Park and North Shore Open Space Park are included in one application but would be matched from other funding sources.

6. November 5, 2001 Meeting

There was discussion regarding changing the November GO Bond Oversight Committee meeting date. The Committee decided to keep the November meeting as scheduled.

Meeting adjourned 6:32 pm

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